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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 2, line 2 of the specification of the subject application with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/261,324 filed 03 March 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,589,680 B1, and PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/05735 filed 03 March 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 5, line 12 of the specification of the subject application with the following amended paragraph:

These and other objects of this invention are addressed by a method for generating electricity using a solid oxide fuel cell comprising an anode electrode, a cathode electrode and an electrolyte disposed between the anode electrode and the cathode electrode in which the anode electrode is contacted with at least one of a dry hydrocarbon fluid fuel (C_xH_y) and a dry carbonaceous fluid fuel ($C_xH_yO_z$), the cathode is contacted with an oxidant, and the dry hydrocarbon fluid fuel and/or dry carbonaceous fluid fuel is directly oxidized by means of an electrochemical reaction, resulting in the generation of electricity. Suitable fluid fuels include, but are not limited to, methane, ethane, ethanol, propane, propanol and butane. By the term “dry”

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as used in connection with the hydrocarbon and carbonaceous fluid fuels utilized in the method of this invention, we mean fuels in which substantially no water in any form is present when undergoing oxidation in the fuel cell. To effect the direct oxidation of the hydrocarbon and/or carbonaceous fluid fuel, the anode electrode is constructed of a porous YSZ layer and a metal or metal alloy comprising an electron-conducting metal having an oxide form which melts at a temperature less than about 1550°C. In accordance with one preferred embodiment, the electron-conducting metal is selected from the group consisting of Cu, Ni and alloys and mixtures thereof.